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SUBJECT: SALT: SOVIET MEDIA RESTRAINED IN REPORTING AND COMMENTS

1. ALL CENTRAL PRESS MAY 22 CARRIED TEXT OF US-SOVIET STATEMENT AT CONCLUSION OF GENEVA FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AS WELL AS TASS ACCOUNT OF GROMYKO'S REMARKS TO PRESS ON DEPARTURE FROM GENEVA AIRPORT. THESE REPORTS CONSTITUTE MOST COMPLETE COVERAGE YET GIVEN IN SOVIET MEDIA OF GENEVA TALKS. SINCE BEFORE THEY BEGAN, SOVIET PRESS HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED COMMENT ON THEM AND HAS, THEREFORE, KEPT NEWS ACCOUNTS SHORT AND EVEN PERFUNCTORY. APART FROM BREZHNEV'S REFERENCE TO SALT SITUATION IN HIS MAY 17 DINNER TOAST TO VISITING FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN AND AN ECHO OF THE SAME IN A PRAVDA EDITORIAL MAY 20, THERE HAS BEEN NO SOVIET PRESS COMMENT ON SALT OR GENEVA TALKS FOR OVER A WEEK.

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2. IN ARTICLE ON NATO MAY 23 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA COMMENTATOR COL. M. PONOMAREV MAKES A STRONGLY CRITICAL REMARK ON U.S. EUROPEAN ALLIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN "NEWEST AND MOST DESTRUCTIVE KINDS OF WEAPONS," IN PARTICULAR, CRUISE MISSILES. HE CRITICIZES THIS TYPE OF WEAPONS TRANSFERS AS BEING AGAINST NOT ONLY INTERESTS OF EAST EUROPEAN STATES, BUT OF

WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. HIS COMMENTS,
HOWEVER, ARE NOT MADE IN SALT CONTEXT, ALTHOUGH THEY
HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR SALT.
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